

Sons of Temperance  
of North America.  
Grand Division of  
Kentucky.  
Constitution

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
GRAND DIVISION,  
OF THE  
SONS OF TEMPERANCE,  
OF THE  
LOUISVILLE  
STATE OF KENTUCKY,  
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UNITED STATES, AT ITS THIRD ANNUAL  
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# CONSTITUTION.

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**RULE I.—Name.** This body shall be known as the GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE, of the State of Kentucky.

**RULE II.—Of whom composed.** SEC. 1.—It shall be composed of such W. P's. and Past W. P's. as the several Subordinate Divisions may elect. The Grand Division, however, shall have power to expel, or otherwise punish any member for a violation of its rules.

SEC. 2. Each Subordinate Division shall, at the first regular meeting in October, annually, ballot separately and with ball ballots, for Representatives to the Grand Division. All W. P's. and Past W. P's shall be eligible, but such only shall be entitled to seats in the Grand Division (except those holding office in the Grand or National Divisions,) as shall receive a majority of the votes cast—the same being set forth in their credentials, as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Division, No. —, S. of T.

\_\_\_\_\_ October — 18—,

To the Grand Division of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that W. P. (or P. W. P., and if more than one, the credentials may be made out together or separately) \_\_\_\_\_ has been duly elected to represent this Division in the Grand Division, until October next.

[SEAL]

In witness whereof we have caused this to be signed by our R. S. and the seal of the Division to be attached,

\_\_\_\_\_, R. S.

SEC. 3. Subordinate Divisions shall also have power to elevate those Brothers to the Grand Division who reach the W. P's. chair during the Terms occurring between the annual elections for Representatives, to serve until October following. Such Brothers to be balloted for, as described in the preceding section.

**RULE III.—Time of Meeting.** Its quarterly sessions shall be held in the months of October, January, April and July, on such days as shall be agreed upon. The annual session shall be held in October, at which the officers shall be elected.

**RULE IV.—Officers.** The officers shall be a G. W. P., G. W. A., G. Scribe, G. T., G. Chaplain, G. Conductor, and G. Sentinel.

**RULE V.—How Elected.** The Grand Officers shall be elected by ballot. A majority of all the votes present shall be necessary to constitute a choice. In case of a tie, the balloting shall continue until a choice is made; the name of a Brother receiving the lowest number of votes at each balloting shall be withdrawn.

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**RULE VI.** The G. W. P. shall preside in the Grand Division. He shall have power to visit any Subordinate Division under this jurisdiction, and require a compliance to the rules and usages of the Order. He may summon any one of the Grand Officers, and require from him information respecting his office. He shall appoint all officers which may be required in this Grand Division, unless otherwise ordered. He shall have power to call special sessions when requested in writing, by at least five members, representing not less than two Subordinate Divisions—but no alteration affecting the general interest of the Order throughout the State, shall be made, except at the annual session. He shall, personally, or by deputy, visit each Division under this jurisdiction, at least once a quarter, and make a report at each Quarterly Session. He shall also see that the annual returns are made out and forwarded to the National Division.

**RULE VII.** In the absence of the G. W. P., the G. W. A. shall perform the duties belonging to his office. In the absence of both, the Grand Division shall appoint a Chairman.

**RULE VIII.** The Grand Scribe shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Grand Division. He shall keep a correct roll of the members, and notify meetings. He shall, as soon as possible, furnish the Chairman, (he who is first appointed) of every Committee with a copy of so much of the minutes as relates to the business of such Committee. He shall receive, file, and record all appeals, petitions, and applications, and certify all documents from the Grand Division. He shall receive and properly record all monies of the Grand Division, and pay the same over to the G. T. without delay, taking a receipt therefor. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Division, under its general rules, the direction of the G. W. P., and the established usages of the Sons of Temperance. He shall attend all meetings of the Grand Division with the necessary writings under his control—and at each Quarterly Session, present a report of the important transactions during the term, with the amount of monies received, and from what sources. He shall also prepare the annual returns, in accordance with Part 10, of the Constitution of National Division, and shall send to the National Division, all documents referred to it.

**RULE IX.** The G. T. shall have charge of all the funds, property, securities, and vouchers of the Grand Division; and pay all orders drawn on him by the G. S., and countersigned by the G. W. P. He shall attend on the Grand Division or its presiding officer, when required, with all necessary books and instruments relating to his office; he shall also meet with any Grand Committee, whose duty it may be to act in relation to the finances of the Grand Division. When going out of office, he shall immediately deliver to his successor in office, or to whomsoever shall be appointed to receive the same, all monies, securities, evidences of debt, books, writings and property of the Grand Division, which may be in his possession, or under his control, with all proper assignments. He shall render a full report at each Quarterly Session.

**RULE X.** The G. Chaplain shall attend the meetings of the Grand Division, and perform the duties of his office.

**RULE XI.** The G. Conductor shall introduce the Grand Officers at their installation, new members for initiation, and conduct the processions of the Grand Division. He shall have charge of all property not properly under the control of either of the other officers. At the opening of the meeting he shall see the officers' badges in their proper places, and at the close, see them safely put away.

**RULE XII.** The G. Sentinel shall guard the door, and see that none enter or retire but those duly authorized.

**RULE XIII.—Voting.—SEC. 1.** In voting for officers, each member of this Grand Division shall have one vote.

**SEC. 2.** On ordinary questions the vote may be taken as per usage, but when demanded by at least three representatives from different Divisions, it shall be taken by Divisions.

**SEC. 3.** When a vote by Divisions is demanded, the G. Scribe shall call the roll of Divisions, beginning with No. 1, and a majority of the representatives present from each Division shall govern its vote. If the representatives of a Division are equally divided, its vote shall be lost.

**SEC. 4.** In voting by Divisions, each Division shall be entitled to one vote for fifty contributing members or less—and every additional fifty contributing members shall entitle it to an extra vote.

**RULE XIV.—Quorum.** Seven Brothers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**RULE XV.—Revenue.** The revenue of this Grand Division shall be derived as follows:

For every Charter to open a new Division, not less than \$5 00

For the privilege of proposing, electing, and initiating a person on the same evening, provided, in all cases, he is known to be worthy, 1 00

Each Subordinate Division shall pay not more than 5 per cent of its receipts, to be sent with the returns at the Quarterly Sessions of the Grand Division—including fractions of terms, if any.

**RULE XVI.** All members of Divisions under this jurisdiction, shall have the right of appeal to this body, and its decisions shall be final.

**RULE XVII.** Any Division neglecting to make quarterly returns and payment of dues, shall be disqualified from voting in the Grand Division; nor shall they be allowed to receive the passwords until said returns and payments are made.

**RULE XVIII.** Any Division neglecting to comply with the rules and regulations of the Grand Division, shall forfeit its Charter and other property, if two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting of the Grand Division concur therein. *Provided*, however, Subordinate Divisions in all cases, shall have the right of appeal to the National Division.

**RULE XIX.** No concert, festival, or other public assemblage of any description shall be allowed, without permission from the Grand Division, except funerals. Neither shall any brother appear in the re-



galia of the Order, at any concert, festival, public assemblage or procession, unless permission has been duly granted by the Grand Division.

**RULE XX.** No Brothers shall be admitted into Grand Divisions but members of the same, or other Grand Divisions, and candidates for initiation.

**RULE XXI.** Committees of three or under shall be appointed by the G. W. P.—those consisting of more than that number shall be appointed by open nomination.

**RULE XXII.** Brothers shall be allowed only to represent Subordinate Divisions of which they are members—nor can any person be a member of two Subordinate Divisions at the same time. In case of the transfer of a member, he shall not be disqualified on that account, but may be elected to represent the Division to which he may become attached.

**RULE XXIII.** No Brother shall serve two successive terms in the same office, except in the offices of G. Scribe, G. T., and G. Chaplain.

**RULE XXIV.** Applications to open new Divisions must be signed by at least eight persons, who must be men of good standing in the community—and the Grand Division shall have power to send such delegate or delegates as may be deemed proper, to superintend the organization, and train them into the usages of the Order, said Delegates always to be subject to the instructions of the Grand Division.

### *Form of Application for Charter.*

(Date.)

The undersigned, inhabitants of ———, believing the Order of the Sons of Temperance to be well calculated to extend the blessings of total abstinence, and promote the general welfare of mankind, respectfully petition the Grand Division of the ——— of ———, to grant them a Charter to open a new Division, to be called the ——— Division, No. —, Sons of Temperance, of the — of —, to be located in ——— and under your jurisdiction.

We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to be governed by the rules and usages of said Grand Division, and also by those of the National Division.

Enclosed is the Charter Fee, \$—.

It must also be stated whether the applicants are members of the Order, or not—if they are, of what Division. To be directed to the Grand Scribe, free of postage.

**RULE XXV.—National Fund.—Sec. 1.** Every member of a Subordinate Division of the Sons of Temperance shall, annually, on the last meeting of September, pay to his Division, the sum of ten cents. The amount so received shall be paid over to the Grand Division under whose jurisdiction it may be placed. The Grand Division shall transmit the same to the National Division of the United States.

**SEC. 2.** The amount so received shall be held by the M. W. Patriarch, M. W. Associate, M. W. Scribe, and M. W. Treasurer, as Trustees, in trust for the relief of sick or disabled brothers, or for

the funeral expenses of deceased brothers, who may require such relief or aid, while in foreign States, or out of the jurisdiction of their own Divisions. The funds so raised to be a sacred deposite for that purpose and use only.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Order, in good standing, who may, while in a foreign State, or out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Division, require relief, may apply by himself or friends, to the nearest Division, stating his situation. The Visiting Committee of the Division so applied to, shall forthwith visit the applicant and grant such immediate relief as may be necessary, and present a written report of his case at the next meeting of their Division, when, if a majority of such Division shall so determine, they may grant a relief not exceeding, in any one case, the sum of sixty dollars, which sum shall be returned to the Division granting such relief, out of the funds that may be accumulated under this provision of the National Division.

SEC. 4. The Division giving such relief, shall be required to furnish, as vouchers for the expenditure the receipt of the member receiving the same, or in case of inability or death, the receipt of his medical attendant, and a duly certified copy of the action of the Division in the case—upon the production of which, any two of the Trustees of the fund may, by written order, authorize the repayment of sums so advanced.

SEC. 5. Should the amount arising from this provision, in any year exceed the sum of \$1,000 up to the first day of September, over and above all demands against it, it shall be the duty of the M. W. Scribe to advise the several Grand Divisions of the same—and the Grand Divisions shall be authorized to retain the amounts so collected, until they may be required to supply the demands under this provision, and if it be found that the amount so accumulating, be more than sufficient for the purposes above mentioned, the several Grand Divisions shall be instructed to refund such surplus to the Subordinate Divisions, in due proportions to their contributions, as a Widow and Orphans' fund.

SEC. 6. The rules relating to the National Fund shall not be binding on any Division organized prior to the first of October, 1845. No member, however, shall have any claim upon said fund, unless he belongs to a Division which contributes to it.

SEC. 7. The monies so collected and retained, shall remain in the custody of the several Grand Divisions, where it may be collected, subject to the order of the Trustees, any two of whom may thus draw upon the application of such Subordinate Divisions as have disbursed monies for such relief as is contemplated in these articles, for the purposes above mentioned. Such monies as are not thus drawn, shall be returned to the National Division with the annual returns, or through their delegates, at its annual sessions, for such arrangements for its safe keeping as that body may think fit to make.

RULE XXVI. Members of Grand Divisions shall be deprived of the privilege of speaking or voting, unless clothed in appropriate regalia, as specified in the printed proceedings of the National Division of 1845. See B. B., p. 41.



**RULE XXVII.** No alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular annual session of the National Division.

**RULE XXVIII.** To maintain uniformity, the National Division of the United States, ordain the following Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Divisions, at the same time empowering them to make such By-Laws as do not contravene it or the Rules of the Order.



BY-LAWS,  
OF THE  
GRAND DIVISION,  
OF THE  
SONS OF TEMPERANCE,  
OF THE  
STATE OF KENTUCKY.

ADOPTED THE NINTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1846.

ARTICLE I.—*Sessions.*

*Sec. 1.*—Regular Sessions of this Grand Division shall be held on the Fourth Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M., in the months of October, January, April, and July.

*Sec. 2.*—At the expiration of thirty minutes after 10 o'clock, if there be not a quorum, the members present may organize informally, and adjourn to such time as they may determine.

ARTICLE II.—*Committees.*

*Sec. 2.*—The G. W. P. shall, at each Quarterly Session appoint the following Standing Committees, each of which shall consist of three members, to wit:

- A Committee on Subordinate Divisions,
- A Committee on Finance,
- A Committee on Appeals,
- A Committee on Judiciary.

*Sec. 2* The Committee on Subordinate Divisions shall exercise a careful supervision over the By-Laws and Rules of the Subordinate Divisions, and report those that conflict with the Constitution; examine the credentials of persons claiming seats in this Division; all Quarterly returns, and such petitions or communications from Subordinate Divisions as may be referred to them. The G. W. P. shall be ex-officio, Chairman of this Committee.

*Sec. 3.* The Committee on Finance shall examine the books and accounts of the G. T. and G. S.; the annual returns for the National Division; and all bills and claims that may be referred to them, and deliver to the payees thereof orders on the G. T. passed for the payment of bills against this Division.

*Sec. 4.* The Committee on appeals shall examine all cases of appeals from Subordinate Divisions, and report the facts with a recommendation of specific action. In appeals from this body to the National Division, they shall prepare and send up a certified copy of the record.

*Sec. 5.* The Judiciary Committee shall have referred to them such doubtful questions in regard to the rules and usages of the Order as this Division may think proper.

*Sec. 6.* There shall also be a Committee of Ways and Means, consisting of five Members, including the Treasurer, who shall be *Ex-officio* Chairman, whose duty it shall be to devise and execute measures for preserving and increasing the funds of this Division; to make such investment of the funds as the Division may direct, and generally to act as an executive Committee in all matters relating to the application of the funds, under the direction of this Division, except in cases otherwise provided for.

### ARTICLE III.—*Officers.*

*Sec. 1.* The G. S. shall procure and keep a book in which he shall record the Constitution and By-Laws of the Division. He shall notify each Subordinate Division of the time and place of holding the Annual and Quarterly Sessions; and at least one week before holding any called Session.

*Sec. 2.* The G. C. shall procure light and fuel for the Sessions of this Division, and if necessary, employ a Janitor to take care of the Hall, and he shall report quarterly in relation to the property under his control.

*Sec. 3.* The G. T. shall give bond with security to be approved by the Committee on Finance in the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

### ARTICLE IV.—*Members.*

Every member of this Division shall, at the Session in which he is initiated, sign the Constitution and By-Laws.

### ARTICLE V.—*Revenue.*

*Sec. 1.* Every Subordinate Division under this jurisdiction, shall at the commencement of each Quarterly Session, pay to this Division the sum of five per centum on the whole amount of their Receipts for Initiations, Dues, and adjoining fees.

*Sec. 2.* Every Subordinate Division shall pay this Division for a Charter, B. B. &c., the sum of Six dollars, which must accompany the petition.

### ARTICLE VI.—*Trials.*

*Sec. 1.* This Division has power to suspend, and to remove its



officers; and to reprimand, to suspend, and to expel its members.— No motion for any of these purposes shall be in order unless the following proceedings (except where the person moved against, waives them or any of them) shall have been had: Written charges specifying the offence shall be submitted to the Division by a member, and filed with the G. S. They shall then be referred to a special Committee of five members who shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties to appear before them in person or by counsel, examine fully the matter in question, and report in writing all the facts as proved before them, together with a recommendation of some specific action by this Division. This Division shall then proceed to decide the question, with or without debate.

Sec. 2. A vote of suspension or removal of an officer, or of suspension or expulsion of a member, shall be by a majority vote of two successive Quarterly Sessions.

#### ARTICLE VII.—*Dispensations.*

The G. W. P. shall have power during the interim of the Sessions of this Division to grant dispensations for the opening of Subordinate Divisions, subject to the approval of this Division at its first regular Session thereafter.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—*Deputies.*

Sec. 1. The G. W. P. by, and with the consent of this Division shall at the Sessions in October and April, appoint as many Deputies as he may think proper, to act in such parts of his jurisdiction as he may specify in his commission.

Sec. 2. In the intervals between the Quarterly Sessions, the G. W. P. by and with the consent of the G. W. A., or G. S. shall have power to appoint Deputies for such portions of his jurisdiction as may be deemed necessary for the good of the Order; and for cause to be assigned by the G. W. P. in his report next after such revocation, to revoke any commission and fill the vacancy.

Sec. 3. The Commission of a Deputy shall be attested by the signatures of the G. W. P. and G. S. and by the seal of this Division. It shall bear date on the first Monday of the month next after the Session of this Division at which the appointment may have been made, and shall run until the appointment of his successor.

Its blank form shall be as follows:

#### SONS OF TEMPERANCE,

“LOVE, PURITY, AND FIDELITY.”

Grand Division of the State of Kentucky, to \_\_\_\_\_ Greeting: Know ye, that I \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Worthy Patriarch for the State of Kentucky, by and with the consent of the Grand Division, do hereby appoint (W. P. or P. W. P. as the case may be) \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch for \_\_\_\_\_ for six months from this date; and you are hereby directed to receive, and respect him in his official capacity, as the Representative of the Grand Division, and head of the Order in the absence of the Grand Worthy Patriarch. In



witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this to be attested by the signature of the Grand Scribe, and the seal of the Grand Division, this the — day of — A. D. —.

[SEAL.]

G. W. P.

G. S.

Sec. 4. Each Deputy shall report monthly his proceedings to the G. W. P. in writing.

#### ARTICLE IX.

These By-Laws and Rules may be suspended, amended, or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual or Quarterly Session.

## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE. I.** The following shall be the order of business at Annual and Quarterly Sessions:

1. Opening Ceremony.
2. Chaplain's Duty.
3. Reading the Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Report on Credentials.
5. Admission of new Members.
6. Correspondence.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Unfinished business to be announced by the G. W. P. according to priority on the record.
11. New Business.

**RULE II.** No member shall speak more than twice; the first time not longer than five, the second than ten minutes, on any question, without the unanimous consent of the members present.

**RULE III.** All motions, except privileged, incidental, or subsidiary, shall be presented in writing. All amendments to resolutions shall be in writing.

**RULE IV.** A motion made and seconded, shall be stated by the Chair and then shall be open for discussion. As soon as open, no other motion shall be in order, than to adjourn, to lay on the table, the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, refer or to amend, which shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, and the first, second, third and fourth of which, shall be decided without debate. *Provided*, that the time to which an adjournment is moved, shall be debatable.

**RULE V.** The reading of a paper being called for, and objected to, shall be decided without debate by a majority vote.

**RULE VI.** In all votes, the Yeas and Nays shall be taken on the call of any three members. Any member wishing to be excused from voting, shall briefly state his reasons, and without further remark, the Division shall decide on the excuse. In taking the vote by yeas and nays, every member present, unless excused, shall vote. On no question shall the G. W. P have more than one vote.

**RULE VII.** In cases of appeal from the decision of the G. W. P. the member appealing may briefly state his reasons; the G. W. P. shall then state his decision, and may state his reasons; and the Division, shall, without further remark, proceed to vote upon the question, "Will the Division sustain the Chair?"

**RULE VIII.** When a blank is to be filled, the highest number or longest time, shall be first put.

**RULE IX.** All questions of order not provided for in these rules, shall be decided agreeably to the rules of the U. S. Senate, as laid down in Jefferson's Manual.

**OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**  
OF THE  
**GRAND DIVISION OF KENTUCKY,**  
OCTOBER, 1846.

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**OFFICERS.**

J. B. REDD, G. W. P.  
N. D. HUNTER, G. W. A.  
A. G. MUNN, G. Scribe.  
W. E. GLOVER, G. T.  
ASA DRURY, G. Ch.  
I. S. LOCKE, G. C.  
D. L. ADAIR, G. Sen.

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**MEMBERS.**

G. W. KYLE, P. G. W. P.	J. E. BEMAN,
R. DAWSON, P. G. W. P.	F. W. PRESCOTT.
S. KENNEDY,	J. W. CHASE,
J. M. LINCOLN,	S. WATKINS,
J. K. LEMAIR,	R. B. J. TWYMAN,
E. JENKINS,	J. B. HOWE,
O. LATHROP,	WM. GRAHAM,
S. M. MOORE,	W. J. JEAN,
J. H. HEYWOOD,	W. W. SENTENY,
I. D. THOMPSON,	J. A. BUCHANAN,
W. A. HAWLEY,	R. L. POST,
A. W. VALLANDINGHAM,	DAVID CLARK,
J. V. HOLLINSEAD,	J. L. BIGGERS.
G. W. ROGERS.	



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED  
BY THE  
GRAND DIVISION.

OCTOBER, 1846.

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*Resolved*, That this Grand Division recommend to Subordinate Divisions, in printing their Constitutions, to insert sections 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th, of Rule xxv. of Constitution of G. D., also the form of application for a Charter for a Subordinate Division.

*Resolved*, That all P. W. P's. shall wear red collars in their own Divisions.

*Resolved*, That Subordinate Divisions be empowered to erase from their Charters, the names of such original signers as have not complied with the Constitutional provisions in such case provided.

*Resolved*, That this G. D. recommend to the Subordinate Divisions of the State of Kentucky, that they wear their Regalia on all funeral occasions.

D E C I S I O N S  
BY THE  
NATIONAL DIVISION,  
JUNE, 1846.

1. That it is inexpedient to form a connection between the National Division and the Temples of Honor.
2. That hereafter, it shall be deemed entirely irregular to organize any additional unofficial branch of the Sons of Temperance.
3. That Cider, fermented or unfermented, as a beverage, would be a violation of the Pledge.
4. That the introduction of signs of recognition, would be inappropriate and improper.
5. That it is inexpedient, at the present time, to legislate on the subject of degrees.
6. The Regalia of Subordinate Divisions, shall always be appropriate in Subordinate Divisions.
7. That the Regalia of the National or Grand Division is appropriate to those entitled thereto, except to the officers in their own respective Subordinate Division.
8. That Grand Divisions be required to strictly enforce the Rule "to be clothed in appropriate Regalia in their respective Divisions," and that no Brother be permitted, either in a Grand or Subordinate Division to participate in any manner in the proceedings of the meeting, unless he be clothed in appropriate Regalia.
9. That Grand Divisions be requested to enforce the Rule in Subordinate Divisions, respecting Regalia or *White Linen Collars*.
10. That no person who buys any Spiritous or Malt liquors, Wine or Cider, as a beverage, for the accommodation of a customer, although he may not design or wish to make any profit, can become a Son of Temperance.
11. That no person acting as a salesman, for a dealer in the above named articles, and disposing of the same, to be used as a beverage, can remain a member of the Order.
12. That agents of the law are not included in the general rules relating to Art. 2, of Constitution of Subordinates.
13. That other than Sons of Temperance are competent witnesses on trials for violations of Article 2, of Constitution.
14. That no Representative can be elected to Grand Divisions during the interval between the regular annual elections for representatives, except those W. P's. who attain the Chair during the Constitutional periods of the year, or P. W. P's adjoining by card.
15. That a State Grand Division has the power of making laws, declaring the seat of any officer of a Subordinate Division vacant, if he neglect to attend to the duties of his office, for three nights in succession, without informing the Division, or if the excuse should not be deemed sufficient by a vote of two-thirds.

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